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Decline in sheep flocks slowing

The number of sheep in Utah continued to decline in 1986 but the rate of decline slowed considerably.

Moreover, says Bruce Godfrey, Utah State University Extension agricultural economist, sheep numbers are poised to increase in 1987 and beyond. The reason is that the inventory of ewe lambs held was higher at the end of 1986 and fewer ewes are being culled.

Godfrey says the structure of the sheep industry is changing.

"Most of the increase in sheep numbers has been from increases by farm flock operators," he says, "while the number held by range sheep operators continues to de-

cline."

Godfrey says the price of feeder lambs should be in the high 70-center to 80-center range through the rest of 1987. Normal seasonal variations take the price of slaughter lambs to their highest levels in the spring, with the lowest prices occurring in the fall when the lambs are removed from western ranges.

However, Godfrey says, recent contracts suggest that fall prices may not decline as much as they have in the past.

As a result, he says, the profits from raising sheep that existed in 1986 should improve in 1987.

Prime Tim

New aqua-aerob for seniors at Rec

The Eldred Center will be closed Monday for Memorial Day.

A new "Aqua-Aerobics" class for senior citizens will begin June 15, and continue each Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Provo High School Recreation Center. The class will be instructed by Swimming Coach, Lorraine Brown, and the cost will be \$1 per person per visit. No pre-registration necessary.

A free film on the "55 Alive" Driving courses offered to senior citizens will be presented to the luncheon group on Wednesday by AARP Defensive Driving Representatives, Merrill and Daisy Tew. They will be offering another driv-

ing course June 10-11, 1-5 p.m. at the Eldred Center. There will be a small fee for the two-day course.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual senior citizen "Pancake Breakfast" in North Park, scheduled for June 17 at 11 a.m. Tickets must be purchased by June 12.

A Senior Citizen Variety Show is being planned for June 24 during the noon luncheon. Any senior citizen interested in performing for the production, please contact the Eldred Center office.

All senior citizens are invited to join the "Mallwalkers" at University Mall for mallwalking 7-10 a.m. every day that the mall is open. There is a great opportunity to get